

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A gateway device (106) includes a third block (118) communicating information, and a control unit (113) controlling the third block (118) so as to generate second information representing an operation of an air conditioner (111) and to transmit the second information to the air conditioner (111) based on first information representing control contents of the air conditioner (111) received by the third block (118). Accordingly, an apparatus connected to a network and absent of a high-level circuit can be controlled at high level.